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*"The Mission of the Lower Altamaha Historical Society is to
Preserve and Disseminate the History of McIntosh County."*

Staying Connected through COVID . . .

Dear friends,

On behalf of the entire board, we hope you are all staying strong during this pandemic. Curtailing our programs and field trips has been a harsh consequence of this outbreak (our annual Christmas party had to be cancelled this year because of social distancing requirements) and we look forward to getting back to regular scheduling as soon as possible. Along those lines, we've planned a field trip – look inside what's planned for November.

Our last newsletter contained an article on [Georgia House Bill 906](#) which was designed to help preserve history and conserve land, like Ossabaw Island and Butler Plantation in McIntosh County, with help from private donations. Called the Heritage Trust Program the bill passed the House before COVID-19 closed the state capitol but subsequently died.

Several of our board members have been participating in Listening Sessions sponsored by the Butler Island Coalition and One Hundred Miles to get input on how McIntosh County can be both protected and developed in a responsible way to insure the long-term survival of our unique resources and provide transparent development goals that benefit all members of our community. Additional sessions are scheduled and your invitation to participate can be found on inside.

Best regards,

Wes

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The LAHS Board Meets next on Thursday,
January 21, Time & Location TBD

Welcome

to our newest life members!

Sara & Bill Barton
and
Marion & Milan Savic

*Congratulations to Linda Daniels and husband J.D.! A
restored Sapelo beach pavilion was recently dedicated
to them for their 20+ years of service with Friends
of Sapelo.*

Honor

BE PART OF THE CONVERSATION . . .

In late October, three public listening sessions were held in preparation for a more formal discussion with the Department of Natural Resources (current owner of Butler Island) about the future of Butler Island Heritage Preserve and the Huston House. Those meetings produced many great ideas: any future use of the property needs to highlight the stories of the descendants of the enslaved on Butler Island, the determination of future uses needs to be made by a group of stakeholders that includes representation from the descendants, should be a location of annual meetings/reunions of descendants, location could be a repository of genetic information regarding the origin of the enslaved brought to Butler and the location of people after they left Butler (were sold during the Weeping Times) Where did they come from? Where did they go? Who are they now?

As the DNR charts a course for the future officials need to hear from everyone who holds a special place in their heart for Butler Island. Two more public meetings are scheduled and you are encouraged to participate to make your ideas about its future and how we can work together to make it happen.

Friday, November 13th • 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Saturday, November 14th • 9:00 am - 11:00 am

It will be possible for you to attend either in person (due to COVID restrictions attendance is limited to 15 each day and masks will be required) or on Zoom. RSVP online for details OneHundredMiles.org/ButlerIsland



If the time is right for you, join us on
Thursday, November 19; 2 – 4 p.m.
when we tour Altama Plantation
6844 GA 99 . Brunswick

In 1763, George III of England granted 2,000 acres along the south bank of the Altamaha River, in northern Glynn County, to William Hopeton, who soon set about creating the rice plantation which bore his name. So began the long modern history of this property, first known as Hopeton and now more widely known as Altama Plantation.”

Our tour at Altama Plantation will include the grounds surrounding the main building complex, featuring the restored 1930's era formal garden, the location on the historic tabby Altama house, and the early twentieth century 'DuPont house'. If time and weather permit, we will also see the tabby ruins of the early 19th century sugar mill on the west end of the property.

Please note: We're limiting this tour to twenty members so make your reservation today on the LAHS website, there is no charge but you may wish to leave a gratuity. DNR's policy is that groups should maintain six feet social distance from non-family members even when outside. If it's necessary to be closer, such as if some want to carpool when we drive to the sugar mill, then masks should be worn.



Connecting the Past to the Future- 2021 annual dues are due!

Your continued support helps us to preserve and disseminate the history of McIntosh County and your continued support is needed more than ever. Thank you for renewing your dues today!

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